

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested.

The Applicants greatly appreciate the issuance the present Quayle Action, where the application was found to be in condition for allowance except for surrender of the original patent or a statement addressing the loss or inaccessibility of the original patent. The Applicants state that the ribboned original patent grant is lost or inaccessible.

As discussed with Examiner Jackson, a few minor errors were noticed in the claims. A printing error was noticed in claim 2. Specifically, " $0 < v \leq 1$ " was printed as " $0 \leq v \leq 1$ " (which was the same error in claim 1). Claim 39 was amended to add the degree symbol, as shown in the attachment. Claim 51 is a combination of claims 17 and 27 and the formula for the thermal distortion reducing layer was incorrectly copied. The formula is corrected as shown in the attachment. A ";" was added to line 2 of claim 56, and a "." was deleted after "C" from line 2 of claim 80. Claims 78 and 83 are amended, as shown in the attachment, to add "buffer" and claims 87-89 are amended to add "essentially" to be consistent with other claims in the application.

All pending claims are included in the above CLAIMS section on pages 2-17 but only claims 2, 39, 51, 56, 78, 80, 83 and 87-89 contain changes not previously made.

Also filed herewith is a Supplemental Declaration.

It is respectfully submitted that the present reissue application is in condition for allowance and a favorable decision to that effect is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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